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**RESPONSE**

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 25, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and entry of this Response.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,092,168 to Voigt (hereinafter Voigt) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,379,212 to Sarner et al. (hereinafter Sarner). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

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